

Hello IHS Families,

Thank you for your support with the opening of our year. We are committed to creating a welcoming and affirming environment where all feel value, have a voice, and are able to perform at peak academic levels. Please read the information below and feel free to reach out with questions.

IHS OPEN HOUSE is September 23rd

5pm-6pm- College Application Presentation in the Auditorium

6pm-7pm- Families of Juniors and Seniors

7pm-8pm- Families of Freshmen and Sophomores

(If you have students in grade 9/10 and 11/12, you may pick the hour that is most convenient for your family)

Our format has changed. Departments will be available in various sections of our first floor. Open House night will focus on the instructional overview of the course, how to support your child's management of materials and technology for the course, and how to best contact the teacher for questions or concerns. If you are interested in a parent-teacher conference, please email the teacher to schedule a different time.

[The College Application Night](#) presentation is an overview of what students will need to do to prepare for applying to college. The presentation will walk families through the college application process that we follow at Irondequoit High School and provide more information on the timeline and terms used throughout the process. Counselors will be available for any questions you have as you explore this process.

CLUBS @ IHS

Please use the Parent Tab on our webpage to review the [current clubs at IHS](#). We know that students' academic performance increases when students are connected with school clubs, sports, music, or other extracurricular activities.

PTSA: Fundraiser at IHS Open House

This year we are happy to welcome all parents/guardians back to IHS for Open House! Traditionally, the Open House Bake Sale is IHS PTSA's biggest fundraiser. Due to Covid restrictions, we are asking for only Store-Bought items (e.g., granola bars, pre-packaged cookies, small bags of chips/snacks, trail mix, etc). Monetary donations are always welcomed and can be made via cash or

[IHS OPEN HOUSE SIGN UP GENIUS](#)

AP and Dual Credit Process

AP and Dual Credit information and letters can be found through the parent tab. Please use this link to access the Dual Credit letter and AP letter. In each letter, you will find a link for registration and fees. [\(link\)](#)

SENIOR GOLD KEY LUNCH is back! Seniors who have a gold key AND have turned in the permission slip with your signature may walk off campus for lunch. They are expected to be on time for their classes. Thank you for your patience!

School Picture Packages

If you are interested in purchasing a package, please use the [IHS main webpage](#) and look for the link, "Click here to order school pictures" which is under the school supply list.

School Climate

We need your help to monitor student access and involvement with social media. Several students are choosing to engage in a nationwide TikTok Challenge, which promotes the destruction of school bathrooms and property. We are working internally to address this but would also appreciate your support and reminders to stay focused on academics. Please talk at home about our community's value of mutual respect and positive choices. If your student shares any specific information and you wish to report it anonymously, please use the [Safe School Helpline](#) link and we will follow up.

Our school counselors, social workers, teachers, and administrators are here to ensure a successful year for students. Please continue to communicate with us so that we support your student(s).

School-Based Planning Team

If you are interested in becoming a parent member of our School-Based Committee, please email me. We meet for an hour each month on the dates indicated below:

September - asynchronous - reading for discussion

[October 4 at 3:30 pm](#)

November - asynchronous- reading for discussion

[December 13 at 3:30 pm](#)

January - asynchronous - reading for discussion

[February 14 at 3:30 pm](#)

March - asynchronous - reading for discussion

[April 11 at 3:30 pm](#)

May - asynchronous - reading for discussion

[June 1 at 3:30 pm](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Be well,

Alecia Zipp-McLaughlin
IHS Principal